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Field Crops

Cotton squaring was virtually complete compared to the 5-year average of 98 percent. Approximately 82 percent of the cotton acreage has set bolls compared to the 5-year average of 81 percent. Cotton conditions are fair to excellent. Cotton bolls have opened on 15 percent of the acreage. Alfalfa conditions continue to range from fair to excellent, depending on location. Alfalfa harvesting is active on over three-quarters of the growing area across the State.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped watermelons last week.

Range and Pasture

Recent monsoonal storms around the State have improved rangeland and pasture conditions. Green forage is evident but still sparse and spotty, depending on location. Grazing areas remain in mostly very poor to fair condition.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	-	3	19	51	27
Range and Pasture	37	28	24	9	2
Cotton	1	2	17	49	31

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Squaring	99	93	96	98
• Setting Bolls	82	68	81	81
• Bolls Opening	15	9	27	19

Weather Summary

Temperatures were generally above average across the State for the week ending August 5th, ranging from 4 degrees below normal at Parker to 6 degrees above normal at the Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 111 degrees at Paloma, Phoenix and

Roll. The lowest reading was 49 degrees at the Grand Canyon. All but two of the 21 weather stations recorded precipitation for the week ending August 5th. Buckeye and Winslow received the least at 0.01 inches and Flagstaff received the most at 1.26 inches.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
July 30, 2012 - August 5, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	84	3	103	68	0.03	2.62	-2.85	48
Buckeye	89	-3	108	74	0.01	1.60	-2.14	43
Canyon De Chelly	75	0	93	57	0.40	3.05	-1.95	61
Coolidge	87	-1	107	70	0.14	4.01	-0.07	98
Douglas	79	2	95	62	0.46	2.52	-4.10	38
Flagstaff	65	-2	81	51	1.26	7.94	-4.72	63
Grand Canyon	67	6	84	49	0.45	5.90	-6.19	49
Kingman	80	-3	97	67	0.35	4.71	-0.63	88
Maricopa	90	2	108	76	0.00	2.40	-1.50	62
Paloma	89	-3	111	74	0.02	3.12	-0.50	86
Parker	87	-4	108	73	0.36	1.17	-1.23	49
Payson	75	-1	92	59	0.78	6.93	-4.62	60
Phoenix	96	3	111	78	0.03	1.32	-2.42	35
Prescott	75	4	91	62	0.14	5.37	-5.26	51
Roll	90	-2	111	73	0.05	0.83	-0.52	61
Safford	83	1	98	66	0.11	4.82	0.25	105
St. Johns	74	2	91	58	0.27	3.05	-2.68	53
Tucson	87	2	102	72	0.00	5.15	-0.67	88
Willcox	79	1	96	60	0.58	5.26	-1.02	84
Winslow	78	0	94	60	0.01	3.19	-0.71	82
Yuma	92	-3	110	78	0.00	1.95	0.60	144
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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